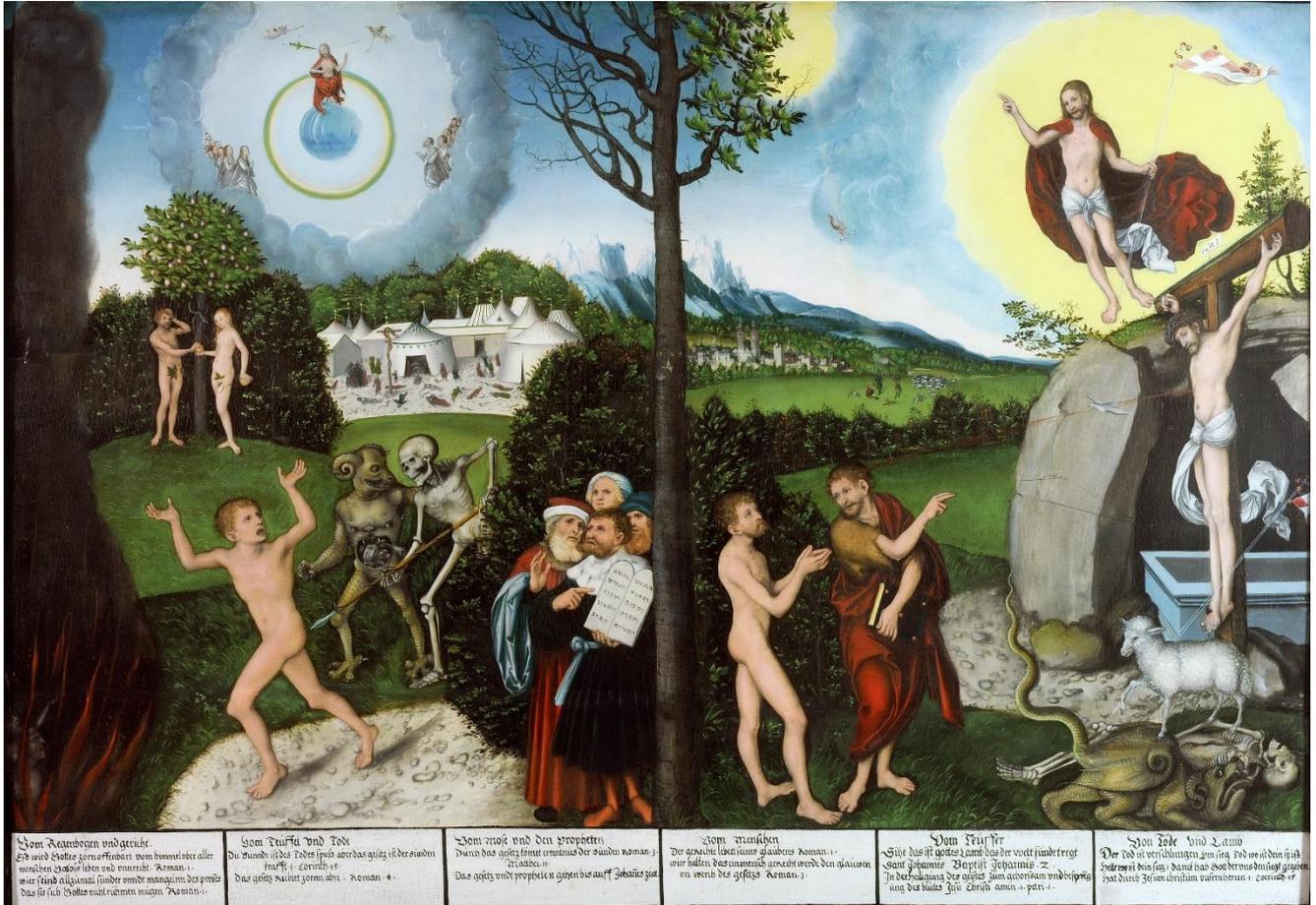


# Reformation Sunday

## October 30, 2022



*Law and Gospel, by Lucas Cranach the Elder (1529)*



The Reformation was a time when men went blind, staggering drunk because they had discovered, in the dusty basement of late medievalism, a whole cellar full of fifteen-hundred-year-old, two-hundred proof Grace—bottle after bottle of pure distillate of Scripture, one sip of which would convince anyone that God saves us single-handedly. The word of the Gospel—after all those centuries of trying to lift yourself into heaven by worrying about the perfection of your bootstraps—suddenly turned out to be a flat announcement that the saved were home before they started...Grace has to be drunk straight: no water, no ice, and certainly no ginger ale; neither goodness, nor badness, not the flowers that bloom in the spring of super spirituality could be allowed to enter into the case.

### **Robert Farrar Capon, *Between Noon & Three* (1982)**

Take me, for example. I opposed indulgences and all papists, but never by force. I simply taught, preached, wrote God's Word: otherwise I did nothing. And then, while I slept or drank Wittenberg beer with my Philip of Amsdorf the Word so greatly weakened the papacy that never a prince or emperor did such damage to it. I did nothing – the Word did it all. Had I wanted to start trouble.... I could have started such a little game at Worms that even the emperor wouldn't have been safe. But what would it have been? A mug's game. I did nothing: I left it to the Word.

### **Martin Luther, *Second Invocavit Sermon* (1522)**

Falsely our churches are accused of abolishing the Mass; the Mass is retained among us, and celebrated with the highest reverence. Nearly all the usual ceremonies are also preserved, save that the parts sung in Latin are interspersed here and there with German hymns, which have been added to teach the people. For ceremonies are needed to this end alone that the unlearned be taught what they need to know of Christ...The people are also advised concerning the dignity and use of the Sacrament, how great consolation it brings anxious consciences, that they may learn to believe God, and to expect and ask of Him all that is good. It does not, therefore, appear that the Mass is more devoutly celebrated among our adversaries than among us.

### **The Augsburg Confession, Article 24 (1530)**

## **Welcome to St. Paul!**

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We are glad that you are with us today! If you are new to our church, you may not be familiar with Lutheran liturgy. No worries. This bulletin is designed to help guide you through the worship service. We encourage you to participate in as much or as little of the service as you feel comfortable. Thank you for being a part of our worship. We hope that the Lord blesses you through our time together!

## **Restrooms, Changing Stations, and Nursing Room**

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Restrooms are located in the lobby (narthex) of the sanctuary. Both the men's and women's rooms have diaper changing tables for the little ones. We also have a nursing room for mothers and babies that is located across the breezeway, straight out of the doors on the east side of the lobby.

## **Children in the Liturgy**

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We pray that all children would know that God made them, He loves them, and He goes with them everywhere. We are glad to have little ones with us in the service. We know that they sometimes can squirm, squawk, and squeal. Please don't feel embarrassed by it! All kids are always welcome here at St. Paul. We encourage you to help them follow along and engage with them in the action of the liturgy – observe the movement of the procession, hear the music, sing the songs, smell the fire of the candles, respond with a loud *Amen*, make the sign of the cross, touch the water in the baptismal font, and wonder at the images and symbols that are all around. What Jesus does here is sure to engage us all.

## **A Note on Holy Communion**

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In this service we celebrate a sacred ritual of the Christian Church called the Eucharist, or the Lord's Supper. In this rite we recall the last meal that Jesus had with his disciples. In this blessed meal we have our eyes opened and we recognize Him in the breaking of the bread. Though our faith is grounded in history, this liturgy is not merely a nostalgic looking back at the past – it is a celebration and a deep recognition that in this meal our Lord Jesus Christ is truly and really present with us in the bread and the wine. We cling to the hope of resurrection that will be ours when all things will be fully redeemed and restored in Him. All baptized Christians who have a sincere sorrow for their sin and see in this holy mystery the true body and blood of Christ are invited to receive Holy Communion.

## **Notes for Reformation Sunday**

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On October 31, 1517, Martin Luther, a monk and professor at the University of Wittenberg, posted a list of 95 theses for debate. By the late 1600s, Protestant churches across Europe were commemorating that event as a turning point in the renewal of the church. At the center of the reform movement was the good news that we are not saved by our own merits, but by grace through faith in Jesus. We do not trust in human strength, but in Christ. Conscious of the need for continual renewal, in the church and in our hearts, we pray that the Spirit would breathe in us today, uniting us in our proclamation of, and witness to, God's love for the world.

## Greeting and Welcome

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The congregation stands and faces the back of the sanctuary. We begin with a procession, the crucifix leading our way. An image of our journey from death to life, our life in Christ. Some bow as the cross passes, honoring the mystery of salvation.

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### The Church's One Foundation (644)

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The Church's one foundation Is Jesus Christ, her Lord;  
She is His new creation By water and the Word.  
From heav'n He came and sought her To be His holy bride;  
With His own blood He bought her, And for her life He died.

Elect from ev'ry nation, Yet one o'er all the earth;  
Her charter of salvation: One Lord, one faith, one birth.  
One holy name she blesses, Partakes one holy food,  
And to one hope she presses With ev'ry grace endued.

Through toil and tribulation And tumult of her war  
She waits the consummation Of peace forevermore  
Till with the vision glorious Her longing eyes are blest,  
And the great Church victorious Shall be the Church at rest.

Yet she on earth has union With God, the Three in One,  
And mystic sweet communion With those whose rest is won.  
O blessed heav'nly chorus! Lord, save us by Your grace  
That we, like saints before us, May see You face to face.

### Invocation

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En el nombre del Padre, y del ✠ Hijo, y del Espíritu Santo.

**All Amen.**

## Confession and Forgiveness

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If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us

**All But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Señor, ten piedad de nosotros.

**All Señor, ten piedad de nosotros.**

Cristo, ten piedad de nosotros.

**All Cristo, ten piedad de nosotros.**

Señor, ten piedad de nosotros

**All Señor, ten piedad de nosotros**

*Silence is Kept*

Let us then confess our sins to God our Father:

**All Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**All Amen.**

## The Prayer of the Day

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The Lord be with you

**All And also with you**

Let us pray:

**All Gracious Lord, pour out Your Spirit on us. Keep us in Your grace and truth, deliver us from temptation, defend us against our enemies, and grant us Your peace; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## The Scripture Readings

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### Revelation 14:6-7

<sup>6</sup> Then I saw another angel flying in midair, and he had the eternal gospel to proclaim to those who live on the earth; to every nation, tribe, language and people. <sup>7</sup> He said in a loud voice, "Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come. Worship him who made the heavens, the earth, the sea and the springs of water."

This is the word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

### Romans 3:19-28

Now we know that whatever the law says, it says to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced and the whole world held accountable to God. <sup>20</sup> Therefore no one will be declared righteous in God's sight by the works of the law; rather, through the law we become conscious of our sin. <sup>21</sup> But now apart from the law the righteousness of God has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify. <sup>22</sup> This righteousness is given through faith in [\[a\]](#) Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference between Jew and Gentile, <sup>23</sup> for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, <sup>24</sup> and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. <sup>25</sup> God presented Christ as a sacrifice of atonement, [\[b\]](#) through the shedding of his blood—to be received by faith. He did this to demonstrate his righteousness, because in his forbearance he had left the sins committed beforehand unpunished— <sup>26</sup> he did it to demonstrate his righteousness at the present time, so as to be just and the one who justifies those who have faith in Jesus. <sup>27</sup> Where, then, is boasting? It is excluded. Because of what law? The law that requires works? No, because of the law that requires faith. <sup>28</sup> For we maintain that a person is justified by faith apart from the works of the law.

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## Hail Thee, Festival Day (489)

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**Hail thee, festival day! blest day to be hallowed forever;  
Day when the Holy Ghost shone in the world full of grace.**

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The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 19<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**All Glory to You, O Lord.**

### Luke 19:1-10

Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. A man was there by the name of Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was wealthy. He wanted to see who Jesus was, but because he was short he could not see over the crowd. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore-fig tree to see him, since Jesus was coming that way. When Jesus reached the spot, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, come down immediately. I must stay at your house today." So he came down at once and welcomed him gladly. All the people saw this and began to mutter, "He has gone to be the guest of a sinner." But Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, "Look, Lord! Here, now I give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount." Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek and save the lost."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**All Praise to you, O Christ.**

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## In Christ Alone

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In Christ alone my hope is found; He is my light, my strength, my song;  
This Cornerstone, this solid ground,  
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
What heights of love, what depths of peace,  
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease:  
My Comforter, my All in All, here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless babe;  
This gift of love and righteousness, Scorned by the ones He came to save;  
'Till on that cross as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied,  
For every sin on Him was laid, here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay, light of the world by darkness slain;  
Then bursting forth in glorious day, up from the grave He rose again.  
And as He stands in victory, sin's curse has lost its grip on me  
For I am His, and He is mine, bought by the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death: this is the power of Christ in me;  
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny,  
No power of hell, no scheme of man can ever pluck me from His hand  
'Till He returns, or calls me home, here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

Sermon

# The Rite of Confirmation

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Do you this day in the presence of God and of this congregation acknowledge the gifts that God gave you in your Baptism?

**CL Yes, I do.**

Do you renounce the devil and all of his works and ways?

**CL Yes, I renounce them.**

Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty?

**CL Yes, I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord?

**CL Yes, I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**CL Yes, I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

Do you hold all the Scriptures to be the inspired Word of God?

**CL I do.**

Do you confess the doctrine of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, drawn from the Scriptures, to be faithful and true?

**CL I do.**

Do you intend to hear the Word and receive Communion faithfully?

**CL I do, by the grace of God.**

Do you intend to live according to the Word, and in faith, word, and deed to remain true to God, Father, Son, Holy Spirit, even to death?

**CL I do, by the grace of God.**

Do you intend to continue steadfast in this confession and Church and to suffer all, even death, rather than fall away from it?

**CL I do, by the grace of God.**

We rejoice with thankful hearts that you have been baptized and have received the teaching of the Lord. You have confessed the faith and been absolved of your sins. As you continue to hear the Lord's Word and receive His blessed Sacrament, He who has begun a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.

Chris, the almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the new birth of water and of the Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins, strengthen you with His grace to life ☩ everlasting.

**All Amen.**

# Prayer of the Church

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After the pastor says Lord in Your Mercy, all respond with **Hear our Prayer.**

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**Thanksgiving for the liberating and transformative power of the Gospel  
For blessing in our outreach; CDC, Thrift Shop, Food Pantry, LINC, Presa  
Pastors Philip, Roy, Naresh, Christoph, Matt and all church planters  
For U.S. Leaders: President Joe, Governor Greg, Mayor Ron  
For those in Military: Jarred, Alissa, Mark, Tom, Thomas, Ricky, Julian  
Church Leaders; LCMS President Matt, District President Mike  
For divine wisdom and energy to turn toward our enemies in love  
Persecuted Christians: Burkina Faso, Nigeria, Laos, Afghanistan  
Global Partner Church: Evangelical Lutheran Church in Belgium**

*For Comfort, Health, Encouragement, and Recovery:*

**The people of Ukraine**

**Chris Leon** (received into the church today)

**Linda Wenck** (awaiting medical test results)

**Erica and Mejia family** (as they mourn the death of Evan)

**America Alderete** (mourning the death of her sister Beatrice)

**Diane Barron** (grandmother of Lindsey Barron – with a heart arrhythmia )

**Mark, Paul, and Jo Ann Mallow**

**Ana Garcia** (cousin of Paul and JoAnn – diagnosed with cancer)

**Cecilia Luna** (friend of America Alderete – diagnosed with cancer)

**Joe Ojeda** (blessing and guidance as he begins pastoral formation)

**Tillie Cropper**

**Alex Rivera**

**Roy Wessel**

**Everett Mason**

**Keith Mason**

**David Schneider** (Father of Kristen Boerger with cancer)

**Delia Flores**

**Vicky Dean** (sister of Melissa Hild)

**Yesenia** (daughter of Anna Marquez)

**Diane Beasley**

**Teresa Medellin** (neighbor of Alicia Guerrero)

**Mildred Westphal**

**Albert Pedroza** (neighbor of Thomas Robledo)

**Norma Ann** (sister of Patricia Perez)

**Rev. Bill Johnson**

**Cayley** (granddaughter of Robert and Linda Chetwood)

**Austin Hernden**

**Robin Beasley Jr**

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**Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow (805)**

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Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host:  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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**Prayer Before Reception of Holy Communion**

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*O Lord, I believe and profess that you are truly Christ,  
The Son of the living God, who came into the world  
To save sinners of whom I am the first.*

*Accept me as a partaker of your mystical supper, O Lord,  
For I will not reveal your mystery to your enemies,  
Nor will I give you a kiss as did Judas, But like the thief I profess to you:*

*Remember me, O Lord, when you come in your kingdom.  
Remember me, O Master, when you come in your kingdom.  
Remember me, O Holy One, when you come in your kingdom.*

*May the partaking of your Holy mysteries, O Lord,  
Be not for my judgment or condemnation,  
But for the healing of my soul and body.*

*O Lord, I also believe and profess, that this,  
Which I am about to receive,  
Is truly your most precious Body, and your life-giving Blood,  
Given for me for remission of all my sins and for life everlasting. Amen*

**Prayer of Preparation from the Byzantine Liturgy**

## The Service of the Sacrament

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The Lord be with you.

**All And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**All We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, holy Father, almighty and eternal God. From sunrise to sunset this day is holy, for Christ has risen from the tomb and scattered the darkness of death with light that will not fade. This day the risen Lord walks with us, unfolds for us His word, and makes himself known in the breaking of the bread. And though the night will overtake this day you summon us to live in endless light, the unending sabbath of the Lord. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of Sabaoth adored;  
Heaven and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.  
Sing hosana in the highest, sing hosana to the Lord;  
Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!**

### The Prayer of Thanksgiving

Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy, we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross. Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us to faithfully eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us to in His own testament. Gather us together from the ends of the earth to celebrate, with all the faithful, the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone be all glory, honor, and worship, now and forever.

**All Amen.**

### The Consecration

## The Acclamation and The Invitation

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As often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

**All Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Behold the Lamb of God, behold Jesus, who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

**All Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word and I shall be healed.**

La paz del Señor sea con ustedes.

**All Y Tambien contigo**

## Sharing of the Peace

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Greet each other in the name of Jesus by saying, '*Peace of the Lord be with you*' as a sign of forgiveness and reconciliation in preparation for reception of the Blessed Sacrament.

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## The Lamb of God

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**Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.**

**Distribution**

**Eucharistic Dismissal**

## Thank The Lord

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**Thank the Lord and sing His praise; Tell everyone what He has done.  
Let everyone who seeks the Lord, Rejoice, and proudly bear His name.  
He recalls His promises, and leads His people forth in joy  
With shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.**

## Post-Communion Prayer

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**We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You, that of Your mercy, You would strengthen us in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

### **A Mighty Fortress Is Our God (657)**

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**A mighty fortress is our God, a sword and shield victorious;  
he breaks the cruel oppressor's rod and wins salvation glorious.  
The old evil foe, sworn to work us woe, with dread craft and might  
he arms himself to fight. On earth he has no equal.**

**No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, rejected.  
But now a champion comes to fight, whom God himself elected.  
Ask who this may be: Lord of hosts is he! Christ Jesus our Lord,  
God's only Son, adored. He holds the field victorious.**

**Though hordes of devils fill the land all threat'ning to devour us,  
we tremble not, unmoved we stand; they cannot overpow'r us.  
This world's prince may rage, in fierce war engage. He is doomed to fail  
God's judgment must prevail! One little word subdues him.**

**God's Word forever shall abide, no thanks to foes, who fear it;  
for God himself fights by our side with weapons of the Spirit.  
If they take our house, goods, fame, child, or spouse,  
wrench our life away, they cannot win the day.  
The kingdom's ours forever!**

# Serving Today @ St. Paul

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<b>Music</b>	Jim Wollmann, Judy Foerster, Ronnie Biediger	
<b>Duty Elders</b>	Rick Garza, Paul Mallow, George Fernandez, Joe Ojeda	
<b>Altar Server</b>	Michael Cruz	
<b>Lector</b>	Roxanne Johnson	
<b>Liturgist</b>	Rev. Carlos Boerger	(carlosb@stpaulsa.org)
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<b>CDC Director</b>	Deborah Stephenson	(deborahs@stpaulsa.org)
<b>Deaconess</b>	Claire Jackson	

## Announcements

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### Study Opportunities This Week

We have ongoing online zoom classes throughout the week – all are invited!  
**(Meeting ID #2105327341 No Password required)**

Monday @ 6:30 (Deaconess Claire – Jesus & Women in 1<sup>st</sup> Century and Now)

Tuesday @ 6:30 (No Class This Week)

Thursday @ 6:30 (Pastor Carlos – Study on the Book of Acts)

### All Saints Book of Remembrance

Next week is All Saints Sunday. It is a day of somber reflection but also a day filled with joy and hope as we look to Christ and his power over death. On that Sunday (**November 6<sup>th</sup>**) we will ring a bell as we read the names of all who have died. To help us in the gathering of names, we have a book of Remembrance in the narthex during October – all are invited to write names of loved ones who've died since last All Saints Day.

### Laundry Love

Join us this Wednesday from 6pm – 8pm as we gather at the EZ Wash (located at 3503 S. Presa) to serve our neighbors. For more information see Joyce Bauer.

### Young Adult Book Study

This Thursday our young adult group meets again at 6 p.m. They are still in need of sponsors to help cover food and drinks. For more information and details, contact Michael Cruz @ 210.701.4431.

### Update Your Info

Email Suzanne at [suzannes@stpaulsa.org](mailto:suzannes@stpaulsa.org) or scan this QR code to be taken to a form to update your information.

